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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As the President of the United Way of the Capital Area, I am fully aware of the unprecedented economic opportunities and challenges our country faces today and will continue to face in the future. United Way is committed to empowerment and opportunity for future generations and job opportunity is an important part of that equation.

Network neutrality regulations are adverse to the very concepts of innovation, investment and job growth that we desire for those we serve. The regulations under consideration are clearly a wrong step that will stifle growth at a time when new jobs and new dollars in the economy are needed most.

President Obama has noted time and again the importance of infrastructure projects and other job creators. There's no greater example of that than the fast-growing wireless industry, where many competitive companies are building out their networks to bring improved service to consumers and to the non-profit organizations with which we work. It's also true of broadband networks, which can bring a host of benefits through better access to tools supporting education, health care and government access.

Building out networks means jobs, improved quality of life and the long-term infrastructure we need to build on within our local economies. Thus, it is absolutely critical that the FCC not impose network neutrality regulations.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Burger
President/CEO